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Watchdog Needs A Master

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Our Central Intelligence Agency is a watchdog needing a master.

Twice the amount of money spent by the entire State Department was paid out last year by the Central Intelligence Agency. This was established as an intelligence gathering group which has become a policy-influencing agency of our government.

The time is past due for Congress to establish an active supervisory committee, together with a staff, to observe CIA operations. Why, for example, should we have a thousand CIA officials and employees in Vietnam? Every branch of our armed forces has its own intelligence section. Presently, probably fewer than three senators really know the total of CIA personnel and its operations in Southeast Asia.

The CIA made a miserable record in the Bay of Pigs operations. Furthermore, not one senator was informed in advance of the date of this abortive Cuban invasion. The CIA must be made accountable not only to the President but also to Congress through a responsible committee of the Congress.

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